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Post-Booking Stabilization

Milwaukee County

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The Post-Booking Stabilization Program (PBS) helps people with mental health conditions who are involved in the criminal justice system.

To participate in the PBS Program, individuals must be booked into the jail on a non-violent offense and have a mental health condition that affects their behavior. Individuals are screened for eligibility while in custody.

The program aims to reduce victimization and end participants' involvement in the criminal justice system by **connecting them to treatment and support in the community.**

Overview

While in jail, eligible persons meet with the Public Defender's Office and a Community Intervention Specialist (CIS) from the Housing Division to learn about the program. If a person agrees to participate, a plan is created to support them in the community, and they are released from jail.

The DA's Office, defense counsel, the victim, and the participant develop an agreement to set program expectations. The CIS creates a treatment plan for each participant to improve mental wellness, secure housing, and address other needs.

During enrollment, the CIS has regular contact with the participant and community providers to support recovery and make sure that the agreement and treatment plans are followed.

Participants who meet the requirements of the agreement may have their charges reduced or dismissed by the DA's Office.

If an individual does not satisfy the agreement, the DA's Office may extend the agreement or terminate the person from the program.

Enrollment in the PBS program is voluntary.

Individuals can end their participation at any time. Their case will continue through the criminal justice system.

In general, individuals facing the following charges are not eligible for PBS, unless the victim agrees:

- Felony sex offenses
- Operating while intoxicated
- Crimes of violence, where substantial bodily harm or greater occurred
- Firearms charges, or the individual has a history of firearms charges